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Governor's Commission on Health Care Workforce Releases Final Report

CONCORD - As part of Governor Maggie Hassan's efforts to address the health care workforce shortage facing New Hampshire and to ensure that New Hampshire can meet the health care needs of Granite Staters, the Governor's Commission on Health Care Workforce released its final report on New Hampshire's short- and long-term health care workforce needs.

"The national health care workforce shortage is increasingly threatening our ability in New Hampshire to meet the health care needs of our citizens, affecting fields ranging from direct care workers to pediatric nurses, psychologists and substance misuse professionals," Governor Hassan said. "Developed by leaders from across the health care and education communities and with significant public input, the commission's work is an important part of our efforts to help build and sustain a strong health care workforce, and I thank the members of the commission and all those who participated in the development of this report. I look forward to continuing to work with members from both parties and stakeholders at all levels to address the health care workforce shortage in order to allow more Granite Staters to stay at home and live independently, increase choices for our citizens and improve affordability of care."

Established in an Executive Order issued by Governor Hassan in April, the commission brought together those with expertise in the fields of nursing, child and elderly care, developmental and long-term services, and education, as well as members from the broader health care community to examine short- and long-term needs for health care and direct care workers in New Hampshire. Its findings and recommendations are focused in the areas of licensure and certification, direct support professionals, data collection and analytics, education and training, and financial supports.

The commission's work builds on Governor Hassan's efforts to recruit more health care workers to New Hampshire, to simplify the licensing process for alcohol and drug abuse counselors moving to New Hampshire from other states and to approve a staffing contract and pay raises that made it possible to hire the qualified nurses necessary to open the new crisis unit at New Hampshire Hospital.

The full text of the commission's final report, as well as additional information on its work, is available at www.governor.nh.gov/commissions-task-forces/health-care/index.htm.